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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Klaus BOSSLET et al.

Group Art Unit **1623**

Serial No.: 10/728,098

Examiner: E. Peselev

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: **EFFECTOR CONJUGATES, METHODS FOR THEIR PREPARATION
AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL USE**

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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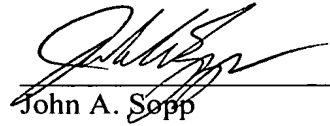
In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, and the restriction requirement set forth therein, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10 and 12-22, drawn to the conjugates of claim 1 and methods of making and using them. The election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The restriction of claim 11 is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the examination of the groups of invention indicated in the Office Action together would not amount to a serious burden upon the PTO. In the absence of a serious burden of examination, restriction is not proper. See M.P.E.P. §803. Thus, the requirement should be withdrawn.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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